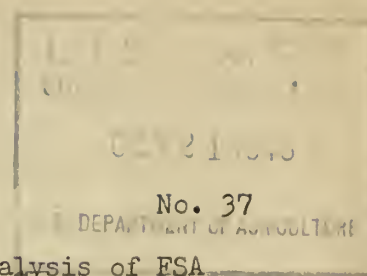


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Food supplies from Farm Security borrowers' farms counted heavily in the Nation's production increases last year, proving that the small, family-type farm has an important place in wartime agriculture. Further proof of Secretary Wickard's assertion that "much of the increase we need so much must come from smaller farms" is seen in a recent analysis of the farming plans these same borrowers are now carrying out.

Included in the survey were the 1943 operating plans of the 463,941 rural rehabilitation and tenant-purchase borrowers active on the FSA program last year. These farmers represent 7.6 percent of all the farmers in the United States.

It was found that most borrowers are raising the same war-essential products they raised last year--and in larger quantities. For example, the average FSA family raising poultry is working to meet a goal of 434 pounds of chicken this season, as compared with an average production of 323 pounds in 1942, and 245 pounds in 1941. Those families raising pork expect an average production per farm of 2,725 pounds in 1943, as compared with 1,749 pounds last year, and 1,358 pounds two years ago. Their total pork production last year was enough to supply $1\frac{1}{2}$ million men for a year--but this season's total is expected to exceed it by 451 million pounds or 62 percent.

Furthermore, many borrowers are expanding to produce a greater variety

of wartime agricultural commodities. The push of FSA families into new farm enterprises is shown by the following figures on three vital products, beef, peanuts and soybeans:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943 plan</u>
Percentage of borrowers producing beef	48.2	57.1	69.1
Average number of pounds per borrower	1,462	1,705	1,912
Percentage of borrowers raising peanuts	18.9	27.7	31.3
Average number of pounds per borrower	1,320	1,691	2,577
Percentage of borrowers raising soybeans	4.9	11.2	16.4
Average number of bushels per borrower	137	121	136

Altogether, these families plan to furnish 613,075,014 pounds of beef, 374,493,962 pounds of peanuts, and 10,361,159 bushels of soybeans to add to the Nation's stocks.

Meat, eggs and dairy products are receiving more and more emphasis on FSA borrowers' farms. Ninety-three percent of the families are raising hogs, 69 percent have beef cattle, 96 percent have milk cows and laying hens. Among borrowers raising pork, the average production per farm is expected to be 1,367 more pounds than in the 1941 pre-war season, and among those raising beef cattle, the average production this year is expected to be 450 pounds above the 1941 figure. Milk production is gaining steadily. The borrowers having milk cows supplied an average of 1,895 gallons each in 1941, 2,185 gallons last year, and expected 2,657 gallons this year. Those keeping chickens have increased the size of their flocks and improved their methods of handling sufficiently to raise egg production from 366 dozen per farm two years ago to 467 dozen last year and an estimated 662 dozen this year.

The following tabulation, covering nine essential products, shows how many FSA borrowers produced each product in 1941 and 1942, how many planned to produce each product this year, and the average production per farm for the three seasons.

WAR FOOD PRODUCTION OF FARM SECURITY BORROWERS

Product	:	:	1941	:	1942	:	1943 Plan
Milk (gals.)	:	No.	435,323	:	453,104	:	445,512
	:	%	93.8	:	97.7	:	96.0
	:	Average	1,895	:	2,185	:	2,657
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Pork (lbs.)	:	No.	393,574	:	415,663	:	432,399
	:	%	84.8	:	89.6	:	93.2
	:	Average	1,358	:	1,749	:	2,725
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Beef (lbs.)	:	No.	223,759	:	264,818	:	320,627
	:	%	48.2	:	57.1	:	69.1
	:	Average	1,462	:	1,705	:	1,912
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Eggs (doz.)	:	No.	439,205	:	450,506	:	446,735
	:	%	94.7	:	97.1	:	96.3
	:	Average	366	:	467	:	662
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Chickens (lbs.)	:	No.	419,901	:	433,926	:	435,186
	:	%	90.5	:	93.5	:	93.8
	:	Average	245	:	323	:	434
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Soybeans (bu.)	:	No.	22,843	:	52,157	:	75,911
	:	%	4.9	:	11.2	:	16.4
	:	Average	137	:	121	:	136
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sugar Beets (tons)	:	No.	4,359	:	5,025	:	4,301
	:	%	0.9	:	1.1	:	0.9
	:	Average	106	:	113	:	131
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Peanuts (lbs.)	:	No.	87,549	:	128,456	:	145,296
	:	%	18.9	:	27.7	:	31.3
	:	Average	1,320	:	1,691	:	2,577
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Flaxseed (bu.)	:	No.	4,496	:	7,784	:	9,463
	:	%	1.0	:	1.7	:	2.0
	:	Average	155	:	155	:	194
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Dry Beans (bu.)	:	No.	39,156	:	48,198	:	67,292
	:	%	8.4	:	10.4	:	14.5
	:	Average	1,674	:	1,757	:	1,695
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

